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Lower Passaic River Study Area, New Jersey

SUBJECT: Quality Assurance Project Plan, Final Addendum #1
Avian Community Survey

Dear Ms. Buckrucker:

CDM Federal Programs Corporation (CDM) is pleased to submit this electronic copy of the Quality Assurance Project Plan, Final Addendum #1 for the Oversight of Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Avian Community Surveys in support of the Lower Passaic River Restoration Project in the Lower Passaic River Study Area, New Jersey. This document is based on the CPG QAPP for the avian community surveys.

If you have any comments concerning this submittal, please contact me at (212) 377-4056.

Very truly yours,
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Introduction

CDM Federal Programs Corporation (CDM) will perform oversight of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) Avian Community Survey.

This Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Addendum and the *Lower Passaic River RI/FS Oversight Final QAPP, Physical Water Column Monitoring and Generic Information for Upcoming Tasks*, dated March 2010 is the governing document for execution of this oversight. CDM will use the various plans prepared by the CPG contractors to verify proper execution of the Avian Survey, conducted as part of the RI/FS.

The March 2010 Final QAPP indicated that future oversight tasks assigned to CDM would be appended with selected worksheets. It was anticipated that Worksheets 12, 15, 18, 20, and 28 would be updated as needed for additional events, and other worksheets would also be included. However since the four seasonal avian surveys will not include analytical services worksheets 12, 15, 20, and 28 are not required for this update. Instead, the following worksheets are included in this addendum to reflect the CPG QAPP dated July 2009 and QAPP Addendum #2:

- Worksheet No. 1 contains the title and approval pages for the addendum
- Worksheet No. 2 contains the QAPP identifying information
- Worksheet No. 3 provides the distribution list
- Worksheet No. 10 describes the specific problem definition for the avian community survey
- Worksheet No. 11 provides the project quality objectives
- Worksheet No. 14 provides a summary of project tasks
- Worksheet No. 16 provides the schedule and timeline
- Worksheet No. 18 provides the proposed survey locations
- Worksheet No. 37 provides the usability assessment (field summary report)

Attachment Y of the CPG Draft Fish/Decapod QAPP Addendum No. 2: Avian Community Survey provides procedures for conducting the avian community survey.

1.1 Avian Survey Summary

CDM's oversight program is designed to provide technical review and evaluation of CPG-implemented QAPP for avian surveys. Additional oversight activities will include review of CPG-selected sampling locations and supporting documents.

This oversight QAPP details the planning processes for conducting field oversight; no samples will be collected. The objective of CDM's observations and review is to verify the accuracy of the CPG's data.

QAPP Worksheet #1
Title and Approval Page

Document Title: LPR Restoration Project Final Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
Addendum No. 1, Avian Community Survey

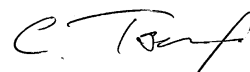
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QAPP Worksheet #2

QAPP Identifying Information

Site Name/Project Name: Lower Passaic River (LPR) Restoration Project	Title: PWCM/Generic Final QAPP Addendum No. 1, Avian Community Survey
Site Location: LPR study area, New Jersey	Revision Number: 1
Site Number/Code: NJD 980528996	Revision Date: NA
Operable Unit (OU): OU2	
Contractor Name: CDM	
Contractor Number: W912DQ-08-D-0018	
Contract Title: Unrestricted Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity, Multiple Award Contract, for Architect-Engineer (AE) Environmental Services for EPA Region 2 and the Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division.	
Task Order Number: 14	

- Regulatory program: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (Superfund)
- Approval entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- The QAPP is (select one): Generic ☐ **Project Specific** ☒
- Dates of negotiation: NA

- Dates and titles of QAPP documents written for previous and current site work, if applicable:

Title	Approval Date
See Final QAPP for a full list of previous QAPP prepared for site work	
Lower Passaic River RI/FS Oversight Final QAPP, Physical Water Column Monitoring and Generic Information for Upcoming Tasks (PWCM/Generic QAPP)	March 2010

- Organizational partners (stakeholders) and connection with lead organization:
EPA, USACE, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Data users: Partner Agencies, CDM, Louis Berger Group, Inc., HydroQual, Inc., and stakeholders.
- If any required QAPP elements and required information are not applicable to the project, then circle the omitted QAPP elements and required information on the attached table. Provide an explanation for their exclusions below: the Final Generic QAPP provides all the required worksheets. *This addendum addresses only the Avian Community Survey oversight, therefore only worksheets pertinent to this task and information not previously provided are included.*

This is an oversight project; therefore, the CPG's contractors will be performing health and safety monitoring, and will be responsible for equipment calibration, inspection and maintenance (survey instruments). CDM will monitor the field activities and document observations.

QAPP Worksheet #3 Distribution List

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QAPP Worksheet #10 Problem Definition

The problem to be addressed by the project:

Avian survey: As part of the LPR restoration project, the CPG will conduct four seasonal avian community surveys to provide qualitative data on the birds that use the LPRSA. Surveys will be conducted in summer, fall, winter, and spring. The oversight program is designed to provide observation, technical review and evaluation of the CPG-implemented field sampling plans to ensure that the CPG contractors conduct the avian survey in accordance with their approved QAPP.

Oversight activities will be conducted concurrently with the CPG's seasonal surveys at the same locations and times. CDM will share findings with the CPG during the survey to confirm the accuracy of the survey.

The environmental questions being asked:

- Does the CPG data adequately describe the site conditions and is it representative for project decisions?
- Is the CPG data complete and accurate?
- Are the CPG avian surveys being completed in a consistent fashion?
- Are the data sets comparable
- Is CDM's data set complete?

Secondary data:

The CPG used the secondary data provided on worksheet #13 of the Draft Fish/Decapod QAPP Addendum No. 2: Avian Community Survey to identify birds previously surveyed in the LPRSA and prepare their QAPP. CDM reviewed the QAPP and provided comments. Future use of the secondary data may be to provide technical review of CPG documents.

The possible classes of contaminants and the affected matrices:

Not applicable

The rationale for inclusion of chemical and non-chemical analyses: Not applicable

Project decision conditions ("If..., then..." statements):

- If field work is inconsistent with the CPG QAPPs, then the field oversight staff will verify tasks with respect to the CPG's QAPPs, and HASP and note deviations with the CPG's field project leader and document such discussions in the Daily QC Reports submitted to EPA. The CDM Task Order Manager, USACE PM and EPA RPM will be informed if there are deviations.
- If the CPG team needs to relocate survey locations, or there are any changes to the planned field program, CDM will communicate this change to the USACE and document it on the Daily QC Reports.

CDM will present the data findings in a Data Comparability Report and submit it to the USACE and EPA who will then determine if any additional actions are required.

QAPP Worksheet #11

Project Quality Objectives /Systematic Planning Process Statements

<p>Who Will Use the Data? USACE, EPA and other partner agencies, CDM, and stakeholders (as necessary).</p>
<p>What Will the Data be Used For?</p> <p>Oversight activities will monitor the CPG-implemented avian field survey program to verify that elements of the approved RI/FS QAPPs are fulfilled. The oversight field crew will also review the CPG-selected survey locations. CDM observed data will be compared to the data observed by the CPG to determine if a bias exists in the data produced by the CPG and if the data is complete.</p> <p>The CDM oversight data will be used for comparison with the CPG data and to determine whether the CPG data is accurate and compliant with the approved QAPPs.</p> <p>To further achieve these objectives, CDM field personnel will observe the CPG's contractors field implementation of the RI/FS QAPPs and note any deviations. Deviations will be brought to the attention of the CPG's contractor, and reported to the CDM task order manager who will communicate this information to the USACE PM and EPA RPM. These will be documented in the Daily Field Summaries and in the Final Data Comparability Report and include a discussion of the impact of the deviation(s) on the data quality. The CPG contractor's activities will be documented in the field logbook and oversight forms. A copy of the oversight forms are provided in Appendix E.</p>
<p>What Type of Data is Needed?</p> <p>Data needs include: Four surveys to document bird genus and species, survey location, time of observation, life stage, gender (when possible), and bird activity.</p>
<p>How much data are needed?</p> <p>Oversight observations will be made at the locations shown on Figure 1 of the CPG's Draft Fish/Decapod QAPP Addendum No. 2, Avian Community Survey. Observations will be conducted at the same locations and times as the CPG contractor survey.</p>
<p>How "good" do the data need to be in order to support the environmental decision?</p> <p>The data to be collected is qualitative in nature, therefore quantitative limits and quantitative quality objectives are not applicable. The oversight observation will mirror the CPG locations and frequencies to allow data comparability. The representativeness of the data is dependent on the sampling design.</p> <p>In addition, to ensure that the observed data is usable, the accuracy, representativeness, comparability, and completeness will be evaluated and presented in a CDM data report. The data usability assessment will evaluate whether appropriate field procedures were followed and whether data met the approved QAPP and are usable for the stated project needs.</p>
<p>Where, when, and how should the data be collected?</p> <p>Field survey procedures are described in the CPG's QAPP Addendum. Oversight will be performed according to the CPG's schedule. The avian surveys will begin in August 9 and be conducted through May 2011 (refer to Worksheet 16). The survey locations are shown in the CPG QAPP Addendum, Figure 1. The CPG's QAPP (worksheet # 11) details the survey procedures which describe how the investigation will be performed.</p>

QAPP Worksheet #11
Project Quality Objectives /Systematic Planning Process Statements

Who will collect and generate the data?

CDM oversight staff will record field observations while the field sampling program is being conducted.

How will the data be reported?

- Field observations will be recorded as described in CDM's PWCM/Generic QAPP using field oversight forms provided in Appendix E. We will also record note in field logbooks in accordance with TSOP 4-1 provided in Appendix C of the PWCM/Generic QAPP.
- Results will be reported in text format and will include a discussion of the data quality, deviations from the QAPP, and oversight data comparability with the CPGs data. This review will be used to evaluate the accuracy of the CPG data.

How will the data be archived?

- Hard copies of data will be kept in the Edison office until archived in the project file; if requested survey data will be uploaded to a PREmis or equivalent database.

The CDM March 2010 QAPP contains other archival information.

QAPP Worksheet #14 Summary of Project Tasks

Sampling Tasks:

As part of the LPR Restoration Project, the CPG is implementing an estuarine dynamic and sediment transport, and biological field sampling program to support the RI/FS. On behalf of the USACE and EPA, CDM will provide oversight and will record observations at all locations. The oversight program is designed to provide technical review and evaluation of CPG-implemented field sampling plans. Worksheet 10 lists the oversight activities that will occur.

Analysis Tasks:

Split samples will not be collected during oversight of the avian surveys. Oversight forms (Appendix E) documenting field observations will be completed by oversight staff.

Quality Control Tasks: CDM will observe CPG's calibration, testing and maintenance of their GPS units. CDM will document observations of the survey on field logs and in the field logbooks. The CDM Deputy Task Order Manager or designee will review the logs to ensure that the required information has been documented.

Secondary Data: Since this is an oversight project, no secondary data is being used directly by CDM. Sample data generated by the CPG- field program will be used as shown on worksheet 13 of the CPG's QAPP Addendum No. 2: Avian Community Survey.

Data Management Tasks:

Survey observations will be documented as described above and undergo QC review. The survey sheets will be maintained in the project file and used to review the CPG's reports. The information can be uploaded to the PREMIS database if required.

No analytical data will be generated.

Documentation and Records: Records of observed species will be documented on Appendix E – CDM Field Oversight Forms for the Avian Survey. All field activity and deviations will be documented on the survey sheets and additional information in project logbooks.

The Avian Community Survey Procedures are documented in Attachment Y of the CPG's Fish/Decapod QAPP Addendum No. 2 Avian Community Survey. Oversight observations will be documented in the following:

1. Field logbooks
2. Oversight summary report
3. Data Quality Summary Report

All procedures will be documented in accordance with TSOP 4-1 provided in Appendix C of the PWCM/Generic QAPP.

Assessment/Audit Tasks: See PWCM/Generic QAPP for upcoming tasks (CDM 2009)

QAPP Worksheet #14 Summary of Project Tasks

Data Review Tasks: The CPG Avian Community Data Report will be reviewed by CDM. A data quality evaluation will be performed based on the CPG compliance with the approved QAPP. A comparison of CDM's field staff observations with the CPG data report will be included in the data quality evaluation and submitted to the USACE.

**QAPP Worksheet #16
Project Schedule Timeline Table**

Activities	Organization	Anticipated Date(s) of Initiation	Anticipated Date of Completion	Deliverable	Deliverable Due Date
Prepare and submit: Draft oversight QAPP Addendum for Avian Community Survey to EPA and USACE	CDM	May 2010	May 11, 2010	UFP-QAPP addendum	May 2010
Prepare and submit : Final oversight QAPP Addendum for Avian Community Survey	CDM	July 27, 2010	July 29, 2010	UFP-QAPP addendum	July 2010
Oversight of avian survey	CDM	August 9, 2010	May 2011	Summary report of field observations including photos	To be determined
Oversight /Data Evaluation	CDM	To be determined	To be determined	Oversight Summary Report/ Data Quality Summary Report	To be determined
Review CPG Avian Community Survey Data Report	CDM	90 days after each survey event	1 month after receipt of report	Comments on Avian Community Survey Data Report	1 month after receipt of report

Notes:

As per Worksheet 10 the CPG will conduct four seasonal avian community surveys.

QAPP Worksheet #18
Sampling Locations and Methods/SOP Requirements Table

Survey Location ID	Depth	Analytical Group	Concentration Level	Estimated Number of Samples (identify field duplicates)	Sampling SOP Reference	Rationale for Sampling Location
Refer to QAPP prepared by Windward Environmental (Windward) for the CPG	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	All survey locations will be observed.	Attachment Y of QAPP prepared by Windward for CPG	See Worksheet 10 and 11 of CPG QAPP prepared by Windward
Refer to QAPP prepared by Windward for the CPG (Worksheet # 18) – Draft Fish/Decapod QAPP Addendum No. 2 : Avian Community Survey (April 27, 2010)						

Notes:

As the scope of work and schedule for additional events is better defined, this worksheet will be updated in amendments to this QAPP.

QAPP Worksheet #37

Usability Assessment

An Oversight Summary Report and Data Quality Summary Report will be prepared by CDM personnel. Frank Tsang, Task Order Manager, will be responsible for its content and for assigning this task to CDM personnel. The Data Quality Summary Report will include a comparability review and usability assessment of the data. Data will be documented in the CPG's Avian Community Survey Data Report. The Data Quality Summary Report will include an overall assessment of the CPG's data using field oversight observations of deficiencies and compliance.

Accuracy –The accuracy of the CPG data set will be measured qualitatively by assessing the observed adherence of the avian survey to the CPG's QAPP.

Representativeness –The representativeness of the survey data will be evaluated based on the ability to implement the avian surveys as written in the QAPP. A determination will be made based on the observations completed during the surveys, whether the avian survey observations accurately represent bird populations in the study area during each of the seasonal surveys, and whether the results are comparable with those made in previous surveys.

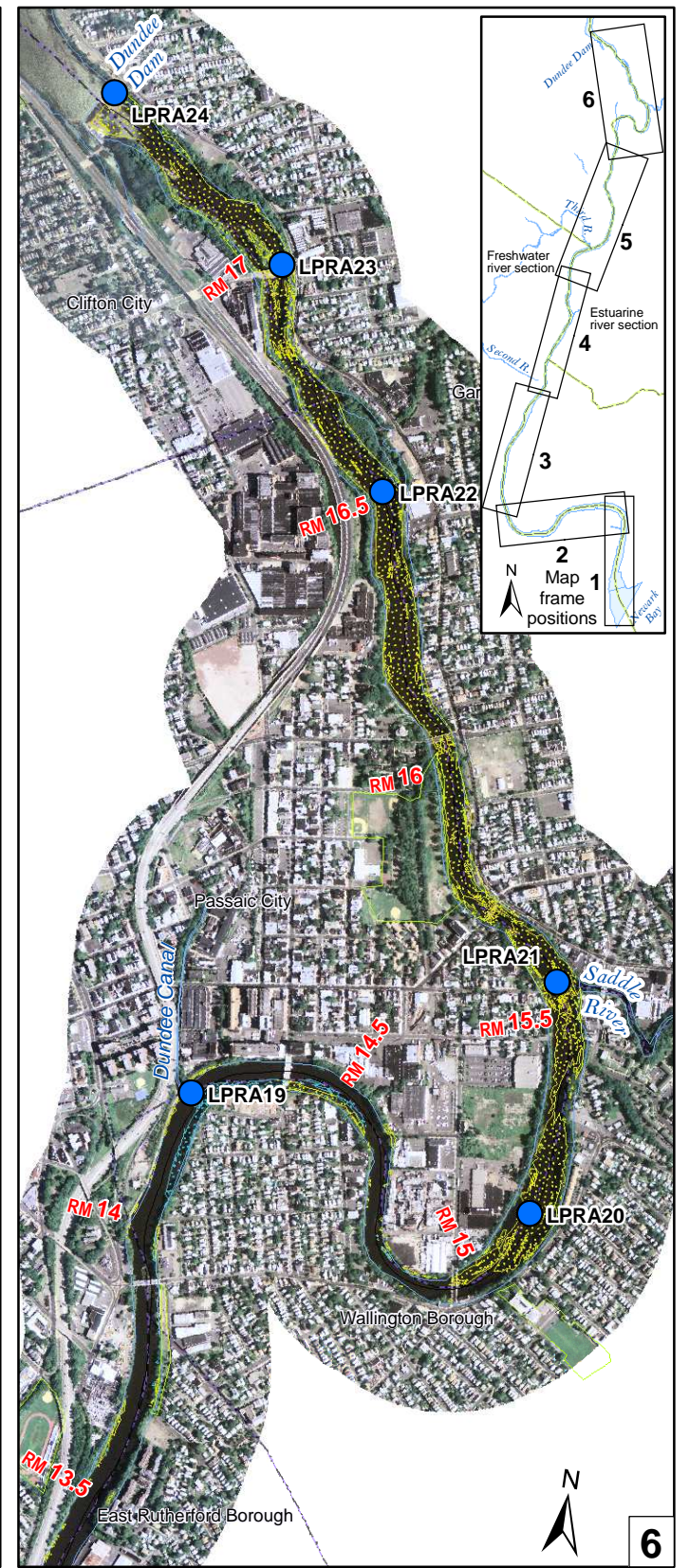
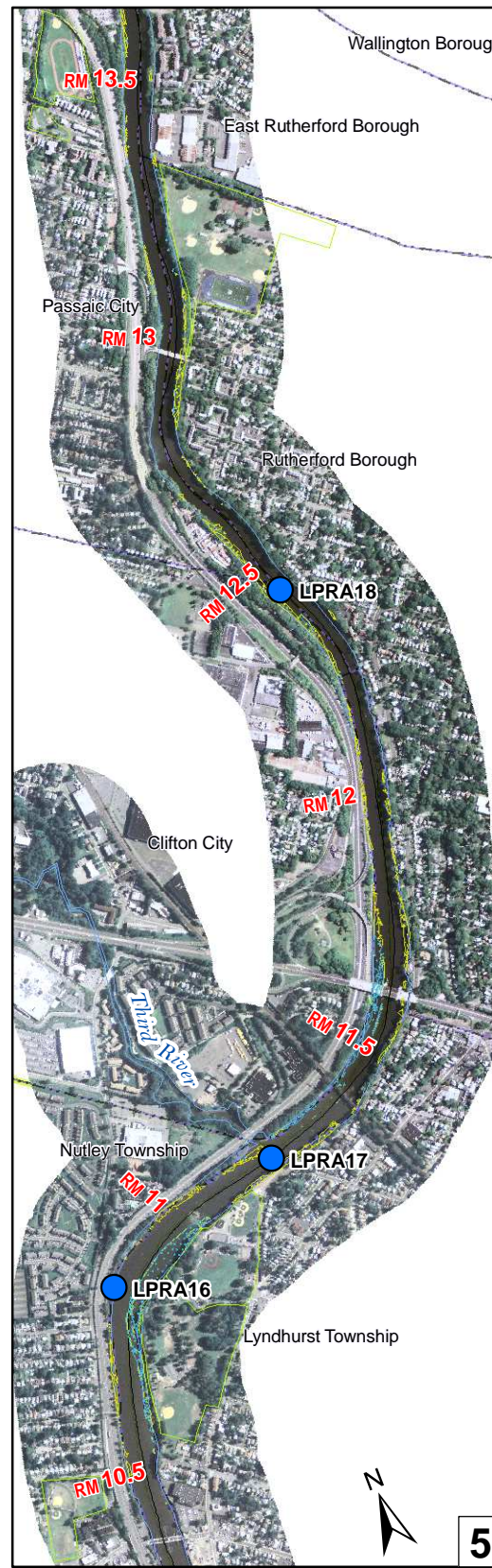
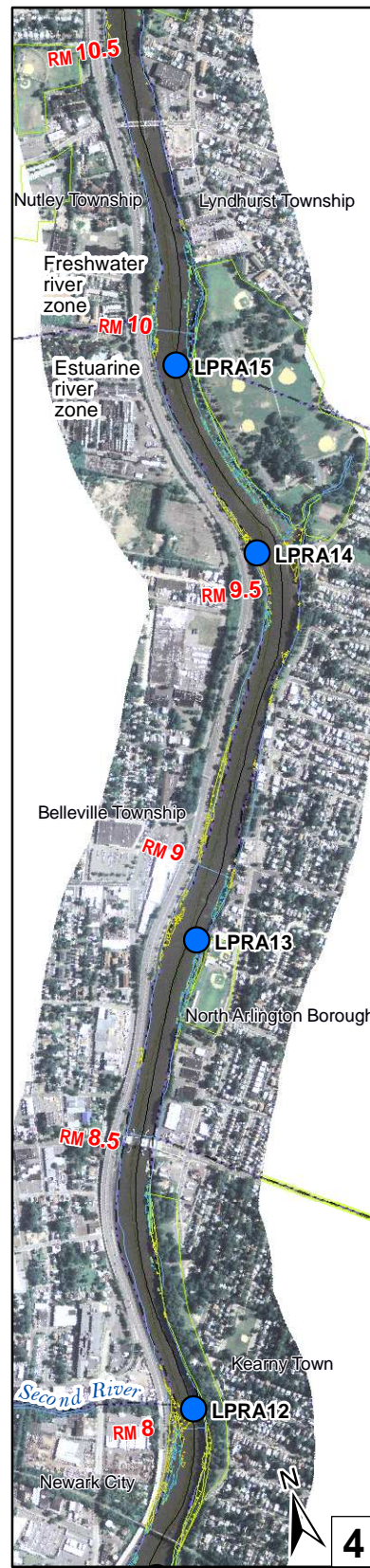
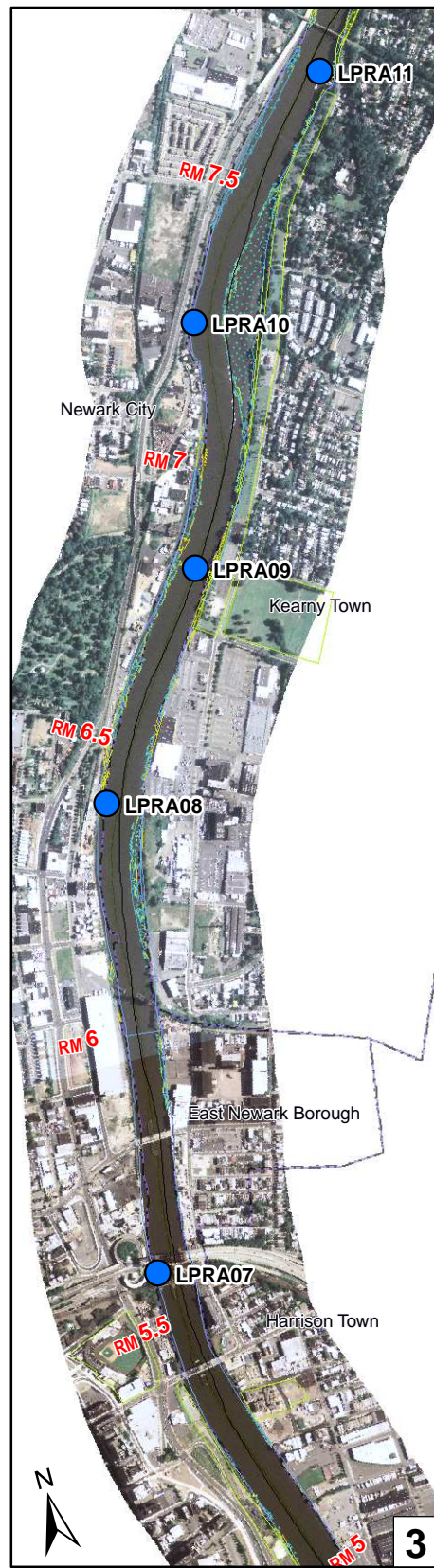
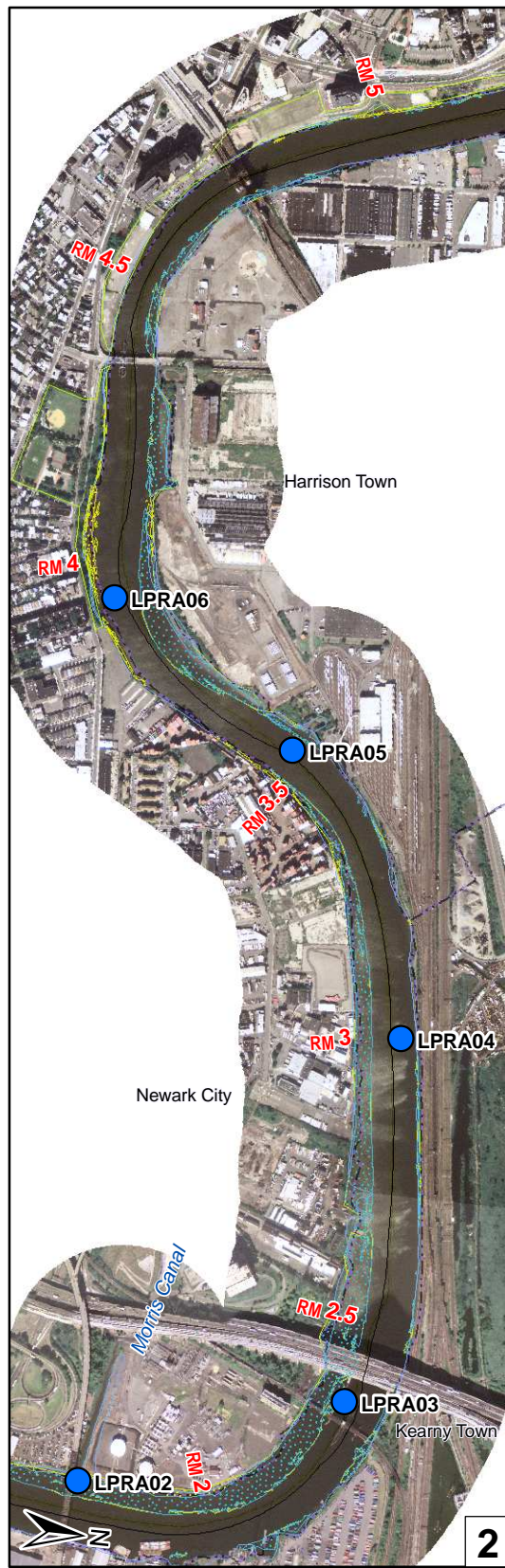
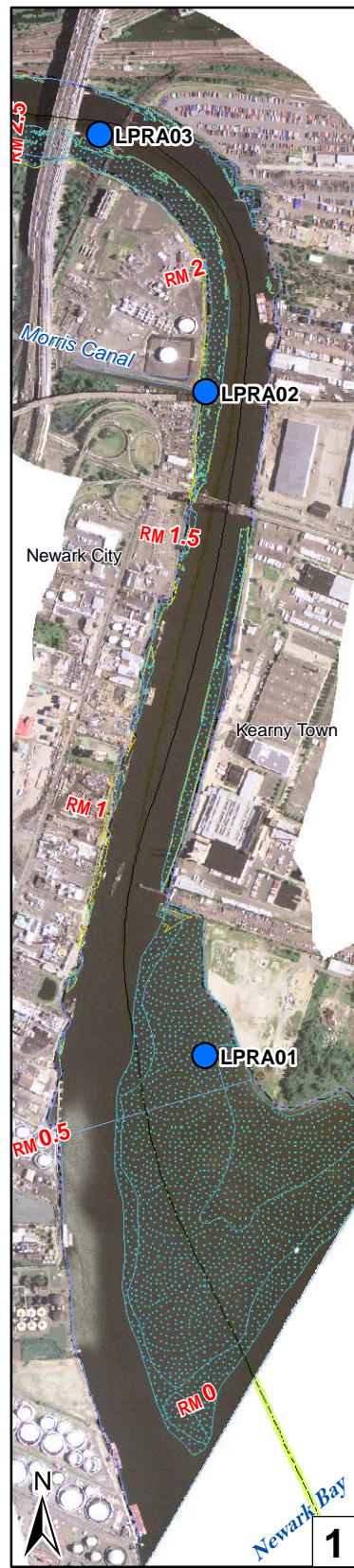
Comparability –The results of this oversight will be used in conjunction with the CPG's data to support the survey results. The data will be observed and reported in a manner that is comparable to the CPG's data set.

Completeness – A completeness check will be performed. Completeness will be determined based on whether all CPG planned (or modified) survey locations were visited at the pre-determined frequencies compared to the project completeness goal of 90 percent. A discussion summarizing the results of project completeness and any limitations on the use of the data will be described in the report.

The results will be presented in text of the Data Comparability Report. Data gaps will be evaluated if requested by USACE/EPA. The report will discuss the completeness of the planned and collected data and the affect on the data objective of evaluating the accuracy of the CPG's data.

Appendix D

Figure 1 Excerpted from CPG's Fish/Decapod QAPP
Addendum No.2: Avian Community Survey



Appendix E

CDM Field Oversight Form for Avian Survey

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